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## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND, \$4,400,000  
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION, \$4,000,000  
OF DIVIDENDS, \$2,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-  
SPECTIVE, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS,  
Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSOON,  
Deputy Chairman—A. MOIVILLE, Esq.  
D. BOTTMELL, M. G. GRATES, Esq.  
H. HOPKINS, Esq.  
H. DALRYMPLE, Hon. W. KESWICK,  
Esq.  
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CHIEF MANAGER,  
Hongkong.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER,  
Shanghai.—EDWARD CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County  
Bank.

HONGKONG.  
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ON Current Deposit ACHIEVED at the rate  
of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " " 4 per cent."  
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LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTED.  
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Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, February 28, 1885.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.  
2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.  
3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.  
4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balance.  
5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.  
6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank as marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.  
7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

REGISTRED OFFICE,  
40, THRAEDNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:

In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.  
THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

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PURCHASED ON ADVAN-  
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75 per Cent. or 1st Dividend equal to 87½  
per Cent. for whole Claim.

H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager,  
Hongkong Branch.  
Hongkong, July 4, 1885.

WASHING BOOKS.  
(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHING BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now  
be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.  
CHINA MAIL Office.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 6%, or \$7.50 per Share for the Six Months ended 31st June, 1885, declared at To-day's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting, will be Payable at the premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after TUESDAY, the 18th instant, and Shareholders are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANT at the Company's OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 17, 1885.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS contributed during the Half-Year ended 30th June, 1885, on or before the 30th SEPTEMBER next, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 17, 1885.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of August current, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1885.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, August 4, 1885.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th August current (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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By Order of

# THE CHINA MAIL.

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**MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
Hongkong, July 1, 1885. 1105

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A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 151

THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF  
T. LOGAN AT CANTON that appeared in  
the China-Mail has been printed in PAM-  
PHLET FORM, and is now on Sale.  
Price, 30 Cents.

Hongkong, October 8, 1883.

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LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION  
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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 30, 1885. 1101

NOTICE

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-  
PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept

Risks on First Class Godowns at 1 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1883. 908

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to GRANT Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBEG & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 885

## To-day's Advertisements

FOR SHANGHAI  
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates  
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, TIENSIN,  
NEWchwang, HANKOW and  
Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Steamship  
*Kingsley*,  
Captain ANDREW, will be  
despatched for the above  
Port TO-MORROW, the 19th Instant, at  
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1409

UNION LINE  
FOR YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship  
*Orfordshire*,  
Captain JONES, will be  
despatched for the above  
Port on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at  
3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1410

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT.)  
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates  
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW  
CHwang, TIENSIN, HANKOW and  
Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Orion*,  
Capt. WESTER, will be  
despatched above on  
THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1412

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Bellerophon*,  
Captain FREEMAN, will be  
despatched as above on  
SATURDAY, the 22nd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1405

THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Chingpo*,  
Capt. MACLEUCH, Commander,  
will be despatched for the above Port  
on the 27th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1404

THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Chingpo*,  
Capt. MACLEUCH, Commander,  
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For Freight or Passage, apply to  
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Agents,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1410

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship  
*Glamorganshire*,  
Capt. D'WILLIAMS, Commander,  
now loading, will have  
immediate despatch for the above Port.

This Steamer has superior Cabin Accommodation.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1413

## To-day's Advertisements

STEAM TO NAGASAKI, KOBE AND  
YOKOHAMA.  
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s  
Steamship  
*Kashgar*,  
Captain SPRACK, will leave  
for the above places at Daylight on SUN-  
DAY, the 30th August.

A. MOIVER,  
Superintendent,  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1408

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s  
Steamship  
*Perseus*,  
Captain SPRACK, will leave  
for the above place about 30 hours after her arrival with  
the next English Mail.

A. MOIVER,  
Superintendent,  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1408

NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day RESIGNED the  
MANAGEMENT of the Firm of A. DE  
MELLO & Co.

F. A. DA CRUZ

Macao, 17th August, 1885. 1415

HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Orion*,  
Capt. WESTER, will be  
despatched above on  
THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
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No. 6882.—AUGUST 18, 1885.]

The French gunboat *Aigle* left Shanghai on the 13th instant for Hongkong.

The steamer *Camorta* reports having encountered a typhoon on the 17th inst. in lat. 21° N. long. 113° 40' E.

H. M. S. Linnet left Shanghai on the 11th instant, with the English and French mails for the British fleet at Port Hamilton.

The French ironclad *La Galissonniere* and gunboat *Vigore* left Woosung and Shanghai, respectively, on the 13th instant for Chefoo.

THE N.C.D. News is informed that instructions have been received by the Agric Bank which will necessitate either a new trial of the case of Lemarchand v. the Bank or an appeal to the Privy Council.

H.M.S. *Sapphire*, Captain R. G. Kinahan, R.N., arrived at Singapore on Saturday afternoon, the 8th instant, from Hongkong. Consequent on her arrival, H.M.S. *Curacao*, which has been so long stationed there, took her departure for Hongkong. During the *Curacao's* stay in Singapore, says the *Straits Times*, Captain Hammer and his officers have made many friends in Singapore, whilst the conduct of her crew when on leave ashore has been a model of what a man-of-war's crew should be.

The Band of the *Buffs* will play at the Officers' Mess on Wednesday, the 19th inst., commencing at 8 p.m. The following is the programme:—

March. "Coriolis" Mendelssohn Overture "Lesocq" ... Auber Arias. "Oberto Conte Di" Verdi "Autre Eve" ... Waldeufel Serenade "After-Hour" Noh Select. "Antar" ... Meyerbeer "Requiescat" ... Meyerbeer "Das Aborigines" ... Le Thieu KELLY, Bandmaster.

The Government Astronomer to-day reports:—The barometer is rising at all stations except Shanghai and Nagasaki. The temperature is moderate, the humidity great, the sky clouded and the wind light. The red ball was hoisted at 3.30 yesterday and removed during the night. It appears that the typhoon, which was moving northwards, entered the coast west of Hongkong last night, and the depression quickly lost the character of a tropical storm. Light S.W. winds are now expected to prevail till the next typhoon approaches.

THE Shanghai Mercury of the 13th instant says:—We have made enquiries with regard to the statement published in last night's Courier to the effect that "the case of libel threatened by Messrs. Russell & Co. against the N.C. Daily News has been notified by the complainants withdrawing the charge"—and we find, as we expected, that it is without any foundation whatever. We may remark, for the benefit of our contemporaries, that the threatened case of libel alluded to will take the form of a Civil Action and not of a criminal prosecution. When the action is entered, Messrs. Russell & Co. will be the plaintiffs, and not, as the Courier seems to suppose, the complainants.

The only case of any public interest before the Police Magistrate to-day was one in which Lok Askin, the wife of a tradesman named Chun Ayon, charged a woman named Kad Alan with stealing her daughter Cheung Asing, twelve years of age, on the 13th inst. The complainant lives on the ground floor of No. 14 Market Street, and the woman Lu Alau occupied the first floor of the same house. The complainant alleges that at noon on the 13th inst., the defendant came to her and asked her to let her take her daughter out to dinner with her. She allowed defendant to take the girl with her, but she did not bring the child back with her, and when complainant asked for her daughter, defendant told her she would come back the next day. She did not, however, return. The case was remanded till Thursday next.

THE Nagasaki Express of the 6th instant records the following movements of H. B. M.'s ships:—H.M.S. flag-ship *Audacious* arrived from Hongkong, via Tamsui, on the 31st ult. One of her crew died on the voyage up, and was buried at sea, and another death had occurred since her arrival. Both deaths are attributed to dysentery. The gun-boat *Wanderer* arrived on the 31st ult., and the gun-boat *Firebrand* on the 2nd inst., and the corvette *Cleopatra* on the 6th, all from Port Hamilton. The departure of H.M.'s ships have been: the *Pegasus* on 31st, the *Champion* on 2nd, and the *Martin* on 4th, all to Port Hamilton. The ironclad *Ancremone* is expected about the 10th inst., from Port Hamilton. The *Audacious* will leave in a few days, bound to Kobe and Yokohama.

H.B.M.'s sloop *Pegasus*, which arrived from Port Hamilton at Shanghai on the 14th instant, reports:—On the afternoon of the 12th inst. in lat. 37° 50' N. and long. 125° E. came across the ship *Wallace*, Capt. Smith, in a disabled condition off south coast of Quelpart, about 200 miles from Shanghai. She has on board a cargo of coal and was going from Nagasaki to Hongkong, when she was caught in a gale near the Iwojima Islands, and lost all her yards and top-gallant masts, sails and rigging. The *Pegasus* tried to tow her, but owing to

want of rudder, both hawsers parted. Capt. Smith's wife was brought on to Shanghai by the *Pegasus*.

Mrs. Smith informs the Courier that the vessel left Nagasaki on the 27th ult. and encountered the full force of the typhoon three days after leaving, and that she drifted about without masts and rudder till the *Pegasus* fell in with her. She was not making water, but her cabin was gutted out, and her deck works much damaged. The *Pegasus*, Captain McCuskin, was to receive her assistance on the evening of the 14th instant.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Justices of the Peace was held in the Justice's Room at the Magistracy this morning: present Messrs. E. Mackean (Chairman), H. J. H. Tripp, and Granville Sharp. An adjourned application was put in by Israel Sanger to take over the airtickets of the firm of Messrs. Wotton and Deacon, the Star Hotel on F.A. Linde, Mr. Deacon, so—N.C.D. News.

It is generally known, says the Courier, that the British Consul-General at Shanghai, Mr. P. J. Hughes, is shortly going home on leave. It is the usual, though not the invariable, custom that the Vice-Consul shall act as Consul under such circumstances, and there has been a general suspicion that the *Chargé d'Affaires* in Peking would appoint Mr. Giles as temporary. But the Tao-tao's objection to Mr. Giles' absence will not weigh with Mr. O'Connor; and the Courier hears that Mr. Alabaster is coming from Hankow.

Mr. Henry Bohr, formerly of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, has been appointed Chief Superintendent of the Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration, as the Chinese Telegraph Company, which owns the lines from Tsinan to Canton and from Ouhienkiang to Hankow, is called. M. O. H. Franklin lately the agent in Tientsin of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, has been appointed superintendent of the Chinese Government Telegraph service, which includes the line from Tsinan to Mukden, which is now being

continued to Sool—Courier.

THE German man-of-war *Nauvoo* left Shanghai for Corea at 2 p.m. on the 13th instant.

The Courier hears that the trial of Mr. J. A. Harvie, before a Jury, is to take place in H.B.M.'s Supreme Court, on or about the 24th instant.

It is announced in Chinese official circles in Shanghai that His Excellency Ching How, the Chinese negotiator of the celebrated Livadia Treaty with Russia, has been appointed Inspector General of the Imperial Maritime Customs Services.

A CORRESPONDENT offers the N.C.D. News the factitious suggestion that the now Inspector-General, the man that nobody has ever yet dreamt of, may be Sir Robert Hart himself. But, says the *News*, we scarcely think that even so great an administrative genius as the British Minister would be equal to doubling the parts.

THE N.C.D. News hears that Major Man, 3rd Battalion Gordon Highlanders, late Commissioner of Customs at Nanchow, who was in charge of the transport station at Wady Haifa during the war in the Sudan, has lately been appointed Secretary and Aide-de-camp to the Inspector-General of Egyptian Police at Cairo.

On the night of the 29th ult., about nine o'clock, the unusual spectacle of a lunar rainbow was observed at Wenchow. It completely spanned the north-western sky, presenting the appearance of a white band like the ordinary rainbow, minus the prismatic splendour.

THE French ironclad *Turenne*, flagship of Admiral Reinouvre, was to leave Nagasaki on the 6th instant bound to Kobe, via the Iwami Sea. After staying about ten days in Kobe, she will proceed to Yokohama, and probably to Hakodate, remaining about ten days in each port.

It is reported that the Chinese authorities of Shanghai are trying to vent their spleen on some of the foreigners who acted as pilots for the French during the late war. A Deputy is said to have called upon the Consulate to enquire if such-and-such a pilot was registered at the Consulate. The Consul replied that he was not, and he wanted to know the reason of the Deputy's anxiety to discover the foreigner's nationality. The reply was that the pilot in question was not registered anywhere, and so the native authorities were going to get into their power and punish him for helping the French. The Consul not do anything of the sort, as it was well known that there were numbers of foreigners fighting for the Chinese against the French, and consequently the latter might also have something to say. This is the story that has been given to the N.C.D. News. It will be remembered that certain natives who supplied the French with provisions were arrested by the Chinese authorities, but after the peace was signed they were ordered to be released. The *News* says it would like to know if this has been carried out.

THE Italian corvette *Cristoforo Colombo* arrived at Nagasaki from Shanghai, via Port Hamilton, early on the morning of the 4th instant. It was at first reported that she would return to Shanghai about Monday next; but later on that the word went to Kobe in about ten days from the date of her arrival at Nagasaki.

THE wreck of the British brig *Argo*, wrecked near Matsushima, was sold by public auction at Nagasaki on Saturday, the 1st August, by Messrs. Powers & Co., and realised the sum of \$430. The same evening, the *Brig Sun* is informed, every vestige of her was washed away by the swell from the typhoon experienced about that time.

A NAVAL Court of Enquiry into the loss of the British brig *Argo*, held at H.M. Consulate, at Nagasaki, on the 31st ult., resulted in Captain Thomsen being acquitted of blame in the matter. The Court was composed of J.-J. E. Eust., (H.M.'s Consul) judge; Lieut. Roughton, R.N. (H.M.'s Champion) and Capt. Pomeroy (a. Guile of Lorne), assessor.

THE N.C.D. News of the 13th instant contains the following:—We have heard a good deal about the power of oil to still the ruffled waters, but we do not think the experiment has ever been tried in Shanghai till yesterday. During the blow yesterday morning, when the force of the wind was 6, a foreigner emptied a quart bottle of common bean oil on the rough water from the Minghong Road pontoon. The water previous to this had been rolling up and breaking with considerable force against the Hang-aw fore-shore. As soon as the oil was poured on the water, the waves ceased to break, and rolled gently in. The locality was not a favourable one, for the wind and tide both were driving the waves into the fore-shore, but the oil spread for about a hundred yards from the pontoon in this direction of the Boodoo Creek. In this space the water was not broken, while outside of it was quite rough and the waves were broken, contrasting with the comparatively smooth water over which the gallant captain's departure from Nagasaki having been delayed until the arrival of the next English mail.

The *Pegasus* tried to tow her, but owing to

garden fore-shore. It would not catch much, and caught in rough weather be the means of saving the garden slopes and paths from destruction.

There were rumours in the Shanghai settlement on the 13th instant that anxiety was felt for the safety of the U.S. Flagship *Trenton*, which left Nagasaki for Quelpart on a survey expedition nearly a fortnight ago, and it was feared had been disabled in one of the recent typhoons.

However, who received from the *Trenton*

the gallant captain's departure from Nagasaki the same night stating that the *Trenton* had just returned there as well after a twelve days' cruise.

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ON THURSDAY, the 20th August, 1885, at noon, the Company's S.S. *TRAOUTADY*, Commandant BRETEL, with MAIDS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

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Shipping Orders will be granted until noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 19th August, 1885. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

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G. de CHAMPEAUX,  
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Hongkong, August 10, 1885. 1885.

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 56, Queen's Road Central, O. D. HARMAN,  
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Hongkong, July 30, 1885. 1885.

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In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

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Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

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